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BUILDING PERMITS IN NATION'S 200 LARGEST CITIES REACH A NEW HIGH

NEW YORK, April 7--Dun & Bradstreet reports that building permits in the nation's 200 largest cities climbed 11.5 per cent in October to a new record high of $3,281,845,380 from $2,943,590,806 the month before. This superceded by 3.4 per cent the previous peak of $3,175,380,926 set in June 1978. Moreover, permits grew by 13.2 per cent in these 200 cities from October 1979's pace of $2,899,533,662.

Plans filed by builders in New York jumped 47.3 per cent in October to $104,655,450 from $71,033,175 a month earlier. Furthermore, filings in this city more than doubled in relation to their year-earlier level of $46,272,587.

Permit activity in the 199 cities outside New York hit a new record-high of $3,177,189,930 in October, following a $2,872,557,631 volume in the prior month for a gain of 10.6 per cent. This new high for the 199 cities beat the previous peak of $3,121,306,617 (registered in June 1978) by not quite two per cent but bettered October 1979's reading of $2,853,261,075 by fully 11.4 per cent. Individually, Chicago saw valuations jump by more than $150 million dollars from September to October, to $196.7 million. Los Angeles likewise posted a huge gain of more than $100 million as valuations there reached $288.4 million in October. Several other cities registered huge percentage gains between September and October yet their actual dollar amounts were far short of those in Chicago and Los Angeles. Some of the large percentage gainers in this time frame were Denver, Tulsa, Honolulu, Minneapolis, Little Rock, Salt Lake City and Corpus Christi.

Builders in the 200 largest cities were issued a cumulative total of $26,306,092,389 in permits during the first ten months of 1980, a modest 3.8 per cent more than the $25,335,243,279 in the corresponding months of 1979. Some cities, however, outdistanced this mild over-all gain by big margins--notably Philadelphia, Detroit, Memphis, and Washington, D. C.

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2. OCTOBER BUILDING PERMIT VALUES

MONTHLY TOTAL OF BUILDING PERMITS IN 200 LARGEST CITIES

	1980	1979	1978	1977
January.....	$ 2,239,448,528	$ 1,746,778,126	$1,555,200,317	$ 1,155,317,475
February.....	2,425,794,216	1,717,789,184	1,566,122,444	1,346,506,159
March.....	2,652,435,406	2,476,939,618	2,181,040,038	1,831,077,441
April.....	2,456,791,560	2,451,179,009	1,970,502,609	1,670,684,353
May.....	2,315,891,724	2,777,967,467	2,184,409,484	1,848,109,958
June.....	2,455,281,668	2,773,160,539	3,175,380,926	2,112,508,861
July.....	2,954,515,163	2,680,322,050	2,374,622,719	1,786,583,613
August.....	2,580,497,908	2,986,549,135	2,096,290,105	1,983,733,131
September....	2,943,590,806	2,825,024,489	2,197,718,509	1,720,913,053
October.....	3,281,845,380	2,899,533,662	2,305,383,414	1,802,807,510
November.....		2,495,786,359	2,050,242,106	1,827,177,094
December.....		2,184,572,996	1,809,134,416	1,908,713,368
TOTAL.....		$30,015,602,634	$25,466,047,087	$20,994,132,022

Of the 200 cities included in this series the twenty-five with the largest building permit values for the first ten months of 1980 were:

		(Millions of Dollars) Ten Months 1980	% Change Ten Months 1979
1.	Houston, Texas	1915.2	+ 3.8
2.	Los Angeles, California	1757.9	+ 29.8
3.	New York, New York	967.1	+ 34.1
4.	Dallas, Texas	815.0	- 1.3
5.	Chicago, Illinois	725.2	+ 11.5
6.	Phoenix, Arizona	591.0	- 1.1
7.	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	585.1	+ 117.9
8.	San Diego, California	497.3	- 21.5
9.	Honolulu, Hawaii	461.4	+ 3.8
10.	San Francisco, California	433.2	- 20.9
11.	Seattle, Washington	426.8	+ 1.5
12.	Atlanta, Georgia	415.1	+ 11.0
13.	Austin, Texas	413.5	+ 6.3
14.	Fort Worth, Texas	378.2	+ 26.1
15.	Washington, D. C.	368.7	+ 56.3
16.	San Jose, California	354.6	- 9.7
17.	San Antonio, Texas	341.8	+ 10.5
18.	Tulsa, Oklahoma	331.8	+ 34.9
19.	Indianapolis, Indiana	318.3	+ 13.0
20.	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma	302.4	+ 4.3
21.	Detroit, Michigan	295.9	+ 82.7
22.	Columbus, Ohio	286.6	- 11.0
23.	Memphis, Tennessee	282.8	+ 62.5
24.	Denver, Colorado	273.0	- 5.0
25.	Jacksonville, Florida	234.1	+ 13.2

COSTS UNDER PERMITS ISSUED TO PROSPECTIVE BUILDERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS FOR THE CITIES ENUMERATED. THEY INCLUDE NEW RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS, AS WELL AS ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS AND REPAIRS. LAND COSTS ARE NOT INCLUDED. THE DATA ARE COMPILED FROM REPORTS FURNISHED TO DUN & BRADSTREET BY THE BUILDING DEPARTMENTS OF THE VARIOUS CITIES

RANK BY SIZE		OCTOBER 1980	TEN MONTHS 1980	TEN MONTHS 1979
1.	NEW YORK, NEW YORK[2]			
	MANHATTAN	55,172,177	553,875,613	330,646,384
	BRONX	1,955,545	47,349,005	78,127,798
	BROOKLYN	11,341,570	157,209,573	118,533,429
	QUEENS	21,038,700	132,716,485	103,700,449
	RICHMOND	15,147,958	75,943,630	90,135,736
	TOTAL NEW YORK CITY	104,655,450	967,094,306	721,143,296
2.	CHICAGO, ILLINOIS	196,715,948	725,150,311	650,101,874
3.	LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA	288,360,472	1,757,867,324	1,354,573,314
4.	PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA	46,177,535	585,140,766	268,586,317
5.	DETROIT, MICHIGAN	31,106,552	295,908,681	161,947,322
6.	HOUSTON, TEXAS	228,090,433	1,915,156,303	1,845,360,183
7.	BALTIMORE, MARYLAND	13,711,634	229,288,718	183,005,600
8.	DALLAS, TEXAS	67,946,349	814,985,542	825,457,659
9.	WASHINGTON, D. C.	44,063,922	368,778,701	235,939,091
10.	CLEVELAND, OHIO	19,061,796	106,619,732	97,505,064
11.	INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA	32,887,747	318,341,448	281,783,951
12.	MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN	17,570,874	148,175,830	127,613,410
13.	SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA	28,171,554	433,216,569	547,927,313
14.	SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA	52,964,595	497,293,190	633,144,022
15.	SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	28,491,580	341,811,254	309,260,440
16.	BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS	11,628,000	201,972,900	294,891,237
17.	MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE	18,549,225	282,770,623	174,014,305
18.	ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI	6,862,717	141,111,532	102,890,083
19.	NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA	15,238,561	163,882,183	242,381,023
20.	PHOENIX, ARIZONA	76,926,696	591,018,561	597,675,513
21.	COLUMBUS, OHIO	35,336,410	286,634,613	322,090,027
22.	SEATTLE, WASHINGTON	47,176,272	476,796,840	420,640,615
23.	JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA	23,602,471	234,128,080	206,893,971
24.	PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA	14,391,343	140,159,546	103,555,425
25.	DENVER, COLORADO	20,183,760	272,951,406	287,205,948
26.	KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI	21,687,806	154,936,878	178,713,563
27.	ATLANTA, GEORGIA	20,591,491	415,067,909	373,844,818
28.	BUFFALO, NEW YORK	1,377,590	29,169,024	26,275,024
29.	CINCINNATI, OHIO	8,900,177	162,573,800	201,130,801
30.	NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE	40,713,211	208,017,962	217,009,529
31.	SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA	40,304,698	354,572,477	392,463,145
32.	MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA	38,789,910	208,038,187	208,568,723
33.	FORT WORTH, TEXAS	65,635,590	378,225,366	299,909,512
34.	TOLEDO, OHIO	11,576,283	87,170,331	128,759,170
35.	PORTLAND, OREGON	36,635,070	220,203,280	202,312,906
36.	NEWARK, NEW JERSEY	4,934,745	36,107,317	23,177,618
37.	OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA	26,391,772	302,358,559	289,795,760
38.	OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA	8,821,289	108,571,564	120,645,716
39.	LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY	7,934,565	99,673,214	54,005,865
40.	LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA	18,386,760	119,747,681	96,726,282
41.	OMAHA, NEBRASKA	8,516,113	78,655,889	110,639,591
42.	MIAMI, FLORIDA	48,196,018	220,980,588	171,499,164
43.	TULSA, OKLAHOMA	64,529,997	331,830,199	245,911,472
44.	HONOLULU, HAWAII	53,233,656	461,411,312	444,572,214
45.	EL PASO, TEXAS	24,440,421	188,207,907	210,734,884
46.	ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA	10,305,860	110,499,739	124,255,372
47.	NORFOLK, VIRGINIA	5,139,812	50,687,077	63,962,243
48.	BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA	21,325,610	182,901,694	106,659,930
49.	ROCHESTER, NEW YORK	2,490,081	62,298,005	34,363,796
50.	TAMPA, FLORIDA	24,080,189	200,712,726	75,533,215
51.	WICHITA, KANSAS	21,469,444	131,441,923	156,017,169
52.	AKRON, OHIO	4,222,386	59,208,945	43,930,456
53.	TUCSON, ARIZONA	21,494,334	145,256,205	184,126,046
54.	JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY	4,509,058	39,703,873	20,301,779
55.	SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA	30,480,794	152,033,504	242,175,202
56.	AUSTIN, TEXAS	52,288,742	413,548,857	389,201,441
57.	RICHMOND, VIRGINIA	6,459,455	82,819,820	41,637,768
58.	ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO	17,788,514	189,930,798	273,384,684
59.	DAYTON, OHIO	3,493,186	53,358,283	80,567,732
60.	CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA	13,340,170	173,765,316	123,656,787
61.	ST. PETERSBURG, FLORIDA	6,211,183	79,983,785	88,359,093
62.	CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS	33,177,785	166,483,339	146,949,299
63.	YONKERS, NEW YORK	10,527,576	25,391,615	10,303,781
64.	DES MOINES, IOWA	4,381,103	75,031,528	88,812,422
65.	GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN	9,333,385	83,062,929	62,135,838
66.	SYRACUSE, NEW YORK	1,451,077	15,302,781	50,083,994
67.	FLINT, MICHIGAN	3,996,124	43,797,864	40,862,664
68.	MOBILE, ALABAMA	4,616,958	114,874,274	92,821,696
69.	SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA	5,689,950	79,702,891	104,236,343
70.	WARREN, MICHIGAN	608,066	3,902,231	6,973,465
71.	PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND	1,519,250	17,068,575	25,370,685
72.	FORT WAYNE, INDIANA	6,240,032	109,800,856	70,740,752
73.	WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS	2,401,876	24,925,121	16,765,219
74.	SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH	34,168,301	102,585,911	149,844,955
75.	GARY, INDIANA	1,302,016	14,073,756	20,228,308
76.	KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE	9,250,787	75,306,265	79,110,268
77.	MADISON, WISCONSIN	7,534,921	56,229,886	61,719,356
78.	VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA	22,881,111	206,120,539	229,822,906
79.	SPOKANE, WASHINGTON	5,180,088	79,519,011	144,882,405
80.	KANSAS CITY, KANSAS	2,773,348	27,387,544	52,415,461
81.	ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA	7,852,273	114,552,999	150,673,998
82.	FRESNO, CALIFORNIA	15,671,487	142,535,577	183,444,967
83.	BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA	21,001,452	137,948,348	153,309,775
84.	SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS	14,685,115	62,791,335	49,174,025
85.	HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT	12,536,955	93,640,712	57,039,440
86.	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA	4,225,493	60,385,329	71,870,886
87.	BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT	1,736,150	11,398,287	16,021,336
88.	TACOMA, WASHINGTON	11,528,437	88,115,698	122,079,017
89.	COLUMBUS, GEORGIA	4,775,840	68,768,912	42,645,782
90.	JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI	21,210,974	92,706,102	73,300,377
91.	LINCOLN, NEBRASKA	9,118,625	72,948,807	68,591,228
92.	LUBBOCK, TEXAS	9,118,710	69,523,795	89,880,597
93.	ROCKFORD, ILLINOIS	6,689,147	48,617,247	44,518,877
94.	PATERSON, NEW JERSEY	3,213,544	20,216,774	12,075,812
95.	GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA	13,321,259	87,297,782	70,387,853
96.	RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA	4,482,352	57,504,652	67,141,863
97.	YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO	259,106	11,850,625	12,293,408
98.	FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA	5,649,705	92,349,606	92,898,240
99.	EVANSVILLE, INDIANA	2,057,404	31,773,341	26,198,673
100.	NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA	3,571,192	31,180,947	32,536,952
101.	HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA	3,385,765	67,741,747	54,076,013
102.	NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT	4,189,820	43,677,774	18,777,483
103.	COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO	24,269,907	187,057,812	180,684,805
104.	TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA	3,125,485	58,919,670	34,795,430
105.	MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA	11,174,300	75,470,100	81,277,200
106.	WINSTON-SALEM, NO. CAR.	5,641,081	71,220,777	73,612,075
107.	GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA	8,119,041	87,817,161	86,010,968
108.	LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS	37,876,008	114,572,158	111,433,606
109.	LANSING, MICHIGAN	4,451,384	22,691,532	53,177,040
110.	ERIE, PENNSYLVANIA	505,300	11,182,588	21,367,589
111.	AMARILLO, TEXAS	9,643,462	108,176,091	70,386,054
112.	PEORIA, ILLINOIS	21,445,645	49,220,176	43,057,676
113.	LAS VEGAS, NEVADA	11,607,785	155,755,340	190,168,995
114.	SOUTH BEND, INDIANA	2,482,957	57,775,286	39,596,147
115.	TOPEKA, KANSAS	5,074,818	45,963,116	48,648,341
116.	GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA	1,655,534	22,803,358	41,166,277
117.	MACON, GEORGIA	3,632,757	49,498,253	65,502,506
118.	RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA	25,210,348	142,335,073	116,037,811
119.	HAMPTON, VIRGINIA	2,949,460	23,705,991	39,333,735
120.	SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI	4,055,148	41,763,199	28,630,082
121.	CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE	6,359,775	72,276,332	67,561,246
122.	SAVANNAH, GEORGIA	1,781,336	34,994,515	45,558,390
123.	BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA	2,141,760	29,088,970	27,879,618
124.	HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA	5,884,472	46,013,497	82,970,428
125.	BEAUMONT, TEXAS	8,707,987	105,856,940	66,051,888
126.	ALBANY, NEW YORK	2,124,007	18,631,066	18,012,116
127.	COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA	2,420,368	17,430,440	16,031,967
128.	PASADENA, CALIFORNIA	9,819,146	85,983,639	58,590,059
129.	ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY	423,886	9,706,373	6,604,743
130.	INDEPENDENCE, MISSOURI	1,458,307	21,193,589	27,463,640
131.	PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA	1,025,091	16,006,564	24,128,552
132.	ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA	3,981,992	86,796,792	83,417,778
133.	CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA	4,350,913	30,324,472	56,657,435
134.	LIVONIA, MICHIGAN	7,903,760	39,465,459	89,244,038
135.	CANTON, OHIO	1,849,377	33,708,296	29,487,861
136.	ALLENTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA	1,368,765	22,586,693	19,406,699
137.	STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT	15,909,438	62,029,367	155,599,848
138.	LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY	9,478,354	98,671,776	119,785,794
139.	WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT	2,683,599	27,832,341	11,576,239
140.	HAMMOND, INDIANA	1,885,489	17,111,410	29,389,979
141.	STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA	7,968,724	100,414,975	155,399,095
142.	HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA	3,086,066	94,407,706	109,752,350
143.	TRENTON, NEW JERSEY	3,729,024	10,814,613	5,312,014
144.	SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA	17,560,624	25,099,842	26,119,324
145.	DEARBORN, MICHIGAN	2,089,447	28,755,386	90,220,427
146.	SCRANTON, PENNSYLVANIA	1,279,501	12,905,235	8,245,008
147.	CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY	1,827,700	4,215,198	3,300,979
148.	HIALEAH, FLORIDA	3,309,257	32,849,709	40,609,722
149.	NEW BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS	965,211	7,604,851	14,552,801
150.	FREMONT, CALIFORNIA	13,479,200	93,143,900	141,679,100
151.	DULUTH, MINNESOTA	5,645,282	38,268,355	24,074,801
152.	CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS	4,513,668	59,908,441	27,714,500
153.	PARMA, OHIO	1,395,625	14,176,505	26,558,250
154.	ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN	4,441,022	33,463,744	34,177,446
155.	ORLANDO, FLORIDA	13,521,425	119,014,750	74,401,966
156.	DAVENPORT, IOWA	6,385,568	31,929,777	75,911,958
157.	WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS	3,407,507	41,894,323	121,176,140
158.	PUEBLO, COLORADO	1,477,502	12,391,990	30,747,439
159.	IRVING, TEXAS	12,366,086	157,370,607	88,831,942
160.	FALL RIVER, MASSACHUSETTS	7,846,350	12,537,118	6,011,174
161.	DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA	3,655,854	48,865,229	43,239,679
162.	SUNNYVALE, CALIFORNIA	5,048,433	74,671,052	94,545,802
163.	WACO, TEXAS	6,620,497	61,012,877	77,000,921
164.	RACINE, WISCONSIN	9,860,696	38,786,750	19,963,753
165.	LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS	1,286,423	40,524,849	70,841,039
166.	HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA	9,938,957	72,569,123	71,824,329
167.	LAKEWOOD, COLORADO	5,553,048	29,156,092	61,065,757
168.	ROANOKE, VIRGINIA	5,004,760	25,702,672	22,736,253
169.	SAGINAW, MICHIGAN	2,472,185	24,177,736	10,465,805
170.	NORWALK, CALIFORNIA	732,530	6,211,540	6,723,570
171.	SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS	2,751,504	36,218,280	54,540,766
172.	UTICA, NEW YORK	4,739,903	16,170,995	7,457,947
173.	NEWTON, MASSACHUSETTS	2,240,199	16,362,922	12,578,052
174.	ARLINGTON, TEXAS	24,383,259	214,598,156	311,285,197
175.	DECATUR, ILLINOIS	5,055,871	23,722,172	24,978,767
176.	LYNN, MASSACHUSETTS	388,950	6,129,275	9,317,308
177.	INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA	8,838,825	35,804,859	17,121,888
178.	ABILENE, TEXAS	10,425,985	60,725,314	53,363,175
179.	CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA	6,264,610	71,474,161	70,114,866
180.	PASADENA, TEXAS	2,060,936	36,283,304	58,358,450
181.	BROCKTON, MASSACHUSETTS	583,469	45,604,462	13,335,643
182.	BURBANK, CALIFORNIA	6,664,399	54,726,141	55,411,477
183.	SOMERVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS	483,384	5,502,445	4,566,785
184.	DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA	2,776,226	24,756,956	21,169,157
185.	SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA	8,897,799	83,500,485	139,445,938
186.	ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN	756,804	4,651,778	4,774,465
187.	QUINCY, MASSACHUSETTS	1,511,281	22,061,964	12,251,666
188.	GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN	6,987,936	29,965,023	53,815,517
189.	MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE	4,363,031	33,357,518	30,603,589
190.	SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA	12,176,301	75,208,801	78,223,935
191.	READING, PENNSYLVANIA	1,138,962	8,589,081	8,553,470
192.	POMONA, CALIFORNIA	17,635,239	77,930,221	80,449,244
193.	MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA	6,386,667	101,207,757	35,166,835
194.	WESTLAND, MICHIGAN	1,089,513	10,168,923	14,663,516
195.	SIOUX CITY, IOWA	1,353,541	10,435,859	24,568,233
196.	FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA	1,604,873	32,020,359	42,980,786
197.	NIAGARA FALLS, NEW YORK	1,168,623	19,182,792	13,001,775
198.	KALAMAZOO, MICHIGAN	14,000,160	47,197,723	30,734,459
199.	ROYAL OAK, MICHIGAN	436,250	5,418,030	9,697,620
200.	PONTIAC, MICHIGAN	17,461,535	68,222,418	47,623,860
	TOTAL: 200 LARGEST CITIES LISTED ABOVE	3,281,845,380	26,306,092,359	25,335,243,279

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